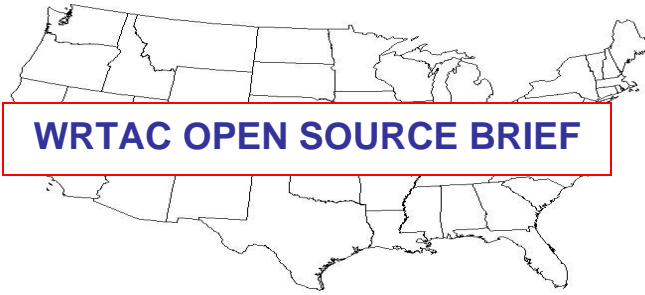


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**Spring Ahead To Prepare For Disasters (Preparedness Initiative)**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages all Americans to use Daylight Saving Time to update emergency preparedness plans and restock disaster kits. For years, firefighters and safety professionals have asked the public to change smoke alarm batteries throughout their homes, as they move their clocks ahead. FEMA's *Resolve to be Ready in 2011* campaign promotes Whole Community involvement in disaster preparedness. "And no matter how busy or hectic our daily routine, we all need to



take the time to take positive action to prepare ourselves, our loved ones and our communities in the event of severe weather, earthquake—or any other major disaster." <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=53868>

**DHS operates a social networking and info-sharing site for first responders (Resource)**

DHS has established an online social networking site for first responders, which it calls the [First Responders Community of Practice](#), which provides thousands of first responders the ability to create discussion threads, blogs, wikis and documents to share information, best practices and lessons learned. "First Responder Communities of Practice is an online network of vetted, active and retired First Responders, emergency response professionals and Federal, State, local, or Tribal Homeland Security officials sponsored by the DHS Science & Technology (S&T) Directorate's First Responder Technologies (R-Tech) program," explains the Web site itself. "Registered members of this professional network share information, ideas, and best practices, enabling them to more efficiently and effectively prepare for all hazards." Further information is available from Michael Bowerbank at 202-254-6895.



[http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/22562?c=law\\_enforcement\\_first\\_responders#](http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/22562?c=law_enforcement_first_responders#)

### Street Closings and other Restrictions for St. Patrick's Day 8K Race and Parade

MPD wishes to advise the public that the St. Patrick's Day 8K Race is scheduled to be held on Sunday, March 13, 2011, in downtown Washington. In order to facilitate this event there will be no vehicular traffic allowed and parking restrictions along the routes of this event.

**LOCATION:** Assembling on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW between 12th and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets. **The race will start on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW between 12th and 13th Streets. Street closures in some areas along the route will begin as early 5:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 13, 2011.**



### RACE ROUTE

- Start line is on Penn. Avenue, NW between 12th and 13th Streets
- East on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW from 12th Street
- Left on Constitution Avenue, NW
- Left on Louisiana Avenue, NW
- Right on D Street, NE
- Left on 1st Street, NE
- U-turn at the entrance to the parking lot between C & D Streets, NE
- North on 1st Street, NE
- Left on D Street, NE
- Left on Louisiana Avenue, NE
- Right on Constitution Avenue, NW
- Left on 3rd Street, NW

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

**DATE:** Sunday, March 13, 2011, noon

The parade will form on the National Mall and proceed westbound on Constitution Avenue, N.W. from 7th Street to 17th Street, N.W., where they will disband. 7th Street will be closed between Constitution Avenue, N.W. and Independence Avenue, S.W. from approximately 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Streets leading to Constitution Avenue will be closed during this time period.

**All street closures and listed times are subject to change based upon prevailing or unexpected conditions.** Motorists could encounter possible delays if operating in the vicinity of this event and may wish to consider alternative routes. The Metropolitan Police Department and the D.C. Department of Transportation also wishes to remind motorists in the vicinity of this event to proceed with caution as increased pedestrian traffic can be anticipated.

<http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/mpdc/section/1/release/19440/year/2010/month/3>



## Harbor Patrol Announces Boating Safety Courses for 2011

(Public Safety Resource)

The DC Harbor Patrol who oversees the marinas, regulates fishing and game, and makes sure boats are safe and meet safety regulations. The Harbor Patrol also prepares boaters in the District of Columbia by offering a Boating Safety Course. This course is designed to educate boaters of the legal requirements, navigational rules, safety equipment, risks of boating accidents, and other issues pertaining to safe boating. Anyone operating a vessel on District of Columbia waterways is required to have a Boating Safety Certificate. The Boating Safety Certificate is issued to individuals who successfully complete the Boating Safety course.

[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1237,q,559121,mpdcNav\\_GID,1550,mpdcNav,%7C31855%7C.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1237,q,559121,mpdcNav_GID,1550,mpdcNav,%7C31855%7C.asp)



## Inside the Terrorist Mind - Live Webcast *Understanding what motivates today's terrorists*

March 17, 2011 1300- 1415 hrs ET

After the attack of September 11th, the United States has spent billions of dollars to analyze and dissolve terrorist groups on a global scale. However, to be able to track down organizations such as Al Qaeda, one must understand the complexity of an individual's motivation to join. With the multitude of terrorist cells in the world, how do the United States and counterterrorist organizations classify these combatants in the context of their radical ideologies? Join American Military University for an in-depth analysis of the terrorist mind and how the culture of terrorism fits into the rest of the civilized world. Our panelists will cover topics including:



- Root causes of terrorism
- Variations and history of terrorism
- Views on why individuals join
- The complexity of motivation
- Where do we go from here?

This webcast will also include a Q&A session with the speakers. *Can't make the live event? Register now to receive a link to the recording one week after the live webcast.*

<http://www.amu.apus.edu/lp/webcast/inside-the-terrorist-mind/index.htm>

## Taliban claims responsibility for deadly attack

(Terrorism TTP)

The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility Tuesday for a deadly attack in Punjab province. At least 21 people were killed and 105 others were wounded when a bomb went off at a compressed natural gas station. Officials said the target was the regional office of Pakistan's top spy agency, the ISI. The intelligence agency building was not damaged, but part of the office of Pakistan International Airlines collapsed. A large crater at the blast site suggested the explosion was caused by a device planted at the pump. When it went off, it triggered a second explosion at the gas station. An official said the ISI had killed many Taliban fighters over the years and had handed over some to the United States in return for money. He warned that his group will continue to target the ISI in revenge.



[http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/asiapcf/03/08/pakistan.blast/index.html?eref=rss\\_world&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2F+world+%28RSS%3A+World%29](http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/asiapcf/03/08/pakistan.blast/index.html?eref=rss_world&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2F+world+%28RSS%3A+World%29)

### Islamist Shooter Radicalized in Germany

(Terrorism TTP)

German federal prosecutors continue to piece together a profile of the man responsible for what is increasingly believed to have been a terrorist attack on US military personnel at Frankfurt Airport on Wednesday. **Born in Kosovo but raised in Frankfurt, Uka is being described by investigators as a loner who took to radical Islam over the course of just a few weeks.** Armed with a Belgian *Fabrique Nationale* semi-automatic pistol and a large quantity of ammunition, the ethnic Albanian attacked a bus used to transport US military personnel outside the airport terminal. He shot dead one US airman in front of the bus before also killing the driver. Two other servicemen were seriously injured. He then fled into the terminal building before being subdued and arrested. The man admitted early on during his interrogation that he wanted to kill US soldiers. Working at the airport's international postal centre, Uka knew his way around the facility, and likely observed the US military bus service beforehand. Though his ultimate motive for the attack remains unknown and there were no indications he was part of a terrorist cell, it appears he had recently started calling himself a jihadist named "Abu Reyyan" on the social networking website Facebook. Under his Islamist handle he spread jihadist hymns on YouTube online, professed hatred of Jews and Shiite Muslims and took part in violent computer games. Within just four or five weeks, Uka is thought to have established contact to radical Islamist preachers including the Moroccan Sheik Abdellatif and German Muslim extremist Pierre Vogel. Though his family are devout Muslims, they are not considered to be Islamist radicals. Roland Desch, the head of the *Verfassungsschutz* domestic intelligence agency admitted the incident was likely proof how quickly individuals can be radicalized.



<http://www.thelocal.de/national/20110303-33493.html>

### New Al-Qaeda Magazine for Women

(Terrorism TTP)

On March 4, 2011, the Al-Qaeda-affiliated Al-Fajr Media Center released the first issue of Al-Shamikha, a jihadist electronic magazine for women. **The magazine, published by a new media company called Al-Shamikha Media Foundation and posted on several jihadi forums, features advice and tips for women from a hard-line Islamic perspective, alongside articles meant to inculcate jihadist ideology and values.** The editorial of the first issue explains that the goal of the magazine is to educate women and involve them in the war against the enemies of Islam. It says: "Because women constitute half of the population – and [one might even say] that they are the population, since they give birth to the next generation – the enemies [of Islam] are bent on preventing [the Muslim] woman from knowing the truth about her religion and her role, since they know all too well what would happen if women entered the field [of jihad]. The editor's name is given as Saleh Youssef, and a man named Muhammad Al-Mashhadani is listed as being responsible for "security and contacts." The articles themselves are mostly written by women. <http://mypetjawa.mu.nu/archives/206705.php>



### Prosecutor: Suspect in Custody in MLK Backpack Bomb Attempt

Authorities have a suspect in custody in connection with a backpack bomb found in January along a Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade route in Spokane, Washington. Kevin William Harpham, 36, of Colville, Washington, was charged with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and possession of an unregistered explosive device. Authorities are trying to determine if the bomb attempt was part of a conspiracy, but for now, the scheme seems to be a "lone wolf" situation. This week, authorities still have not publicly linked the bombing attempt to any specific group or organization. The bureau has been looking into the incident as "an act of domestic terrorism," Frank Harrill, special agent in charge of the FBI's Spokane field office, said in January. The bomb was found the morning of the parade in January by three workers before the event began, authorities said. The FBI released photos of the Swiss Army-brand backpack and two T-shirts found in it. One shirt says "Treasure Island 2009" and the other reads "Stevens County Relay For Life June 25th-26th 2010."

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said, "I can say that it was a viable device. It was planted with the aim of injuring or killing people. And we were fortunate that it did not go off and people were not killed. We were just lucky in that regard." The device contained a chemical found in rat poison and was packed with little metal pellets, apparently as shrapnel. The device was set up to be detonated remotely.

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/03/09/washington.bomb.suspect/?hpt=T2>



### 3 Lawmakers Join Campaign to Protect Anti-Terror Tipsters From Discrimination Suits

Three U.S. lawmakers from both sides of the aisle on Tuesday joined a growing campaign to expand protections for Americans who tip off law enforcement to potential terrorist threats from discrimination lawsuits if they identify the wrong person. Their legislation is just the latest effort to win protections for tipsters of suspicious terror activities. The Department of Homeland Security began the "See Something, Say Something" campaign last year that encourages people to report suspicious activity. It has teamed up with the NBA at its All-Star game and the NFL at its Super Bowl to promote the campaign. The campaign received a boost after a citizen tip led to the arrest in Texas this month of Khalid Aldawsari for allegedly trying to use a weapon of mass destruction. Lawmakers on Tuesday also noted that last year's Times Square bombing was thwarted when two people notified the NYPD after seeing smoke coming from a parked car. "Time and again, we've seen terrorist plots disrupted because alert citizens noticed suspicious behavior and alerted law enforcement," Lieberman said. "This bill provides legal safeguards for vigilant citizens who provide tips regarding possible terror activity and the law enforcement officers who follow up on those leads. We cannot afford to let those who help prevent terror attacks become the targets of senseless liability suits."



<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/03/08/3-lawmakers-join-campaign-protect-anti-terror-tipsters-discrimination-suits/?test=latestnews#>

## First-of-Its-Kind Smart Phone Application for Emergency Medical Services

(Resource)

The application, called the EMS Field Partner is designed for use by emergency medical services (EMS) professionals and other first responders. The app is now available free of charge through the Apple Store. Among its various unique capabilities, the new app features a patient triage system in which users can select from a variety of emergency conditions or complaints such as chest pain, stroke symptoms or fall injury, etc, and be directed to the closest West Penn Allegheny Health System (WPAHS) in Pittsburgh that is most qualified to treat the patient. The app connects EMS professionals to all of West Penn Allegheny's hospital emergency department medical command physicians around the clock, and through an interface with Google maps, provides not only directions to the System's hospitals, but up to the minute traffic information as well. A direct link to West Penn Allegheny's LifeFlight Command Center also allows users to more swiftly summon a medical helicopter. The app's built in global positioning system provides LifeFlight dispatchers with the exact location of the EMS crew. [http://www.emsnetwork.org/artman2/publish/article\\_44623.shtml](http://www.emsnetwork.org/artman2/publish/article_44623.shtml)



## Resources

**GlobalIncidentMap.com**

A Global Display of Terrorism And Other Suspicious Events

### Washington DC Links

Live Traffic Reports <http://www.ddot.dc.gov/traffic>

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency <http://hsema.dc.gov/dcema/site/default.asp>

DC Department of Health <http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/site/default.asp>

Sign-up for Alerts <https://textalert.ema.dc.gov/index.php?CCheck=1>

To request a DC Government Service, call 311 or 202-727-1000, also online at <http://src.dc.gov>

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